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§5–232.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Eligible child” means a child:

(i) Whose parent or guardian enrolls the child in a public prekindergarten program; and

(ii) Who is 4 years old on September 1 of the school year in which the parent or legal guardian enrolls the child in a public prekindergarten program.

(3) “Eligible county board” means a county board that makes a full-day public prekindergarten program available for eligible children.

(4) “State share of the per pupil foundation amount” means the quotient of the State share of the foundation program for a county divided by the full-time equivalent enrollment of the county.

(b) For each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022, the State shall provide a supplemental prekindergarten grant to an eligible county board that equals the percentage of the State share of the per pupil foundation amount multiplied by the number of full-time equivalent eligible children enrolled in a public full-day prekindergarten program on September 30 of the previous school year:

(1) For fiscal year 2018, 50%;

(2) For fiscal year 2019, 75%;

(3) For fiscal year 2020, 100%; and

(4) For each of fiscal years 2021 and 2022, 100%.

(c) The State shall distribute the supplemental prekindergarten grant at the same time the State distributes funds to county boards under this subtitle.

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